

## 35 WAYS TO CONSERVE WATER

1. When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run while rinsing. Fill one sink with wash water and the other with rinse water.
2. Check your sprinkler system frequently and adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street.
3. Install covers on pools and spas and check for leaks around your pumps.
4. Use the garbage disposal sparingly. Compost instead and save gallons every time.
5. Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap for cold drinks, so that every drop goes down you not the drain.
6. Wash your produce in the sink or a pan that is partially filled with water instead of running water from the tap.
7. Use a layer of organic mulch around plants to reduce evaporation and save hundreds of gallons of water a year.
8. Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway or sidewalk and save 80 gallons of water every time.
9. Collect the water you use for rinsing produce and reuse it to water houseplants.
10. When you clean your fish tank, use the water you've drained on your plants. The water is rich in nitrogen and phosphorus, providing you with a free and effective fertilizer.
11. Use the sprinkler for larger areas of grass. Water small patches by hand to avoid waste.
12. Plug the bathtub before turning the water on, then adjust the temperature as the tub fills up.
13. Designate one glass for your drinking water each day. This will cut down on the number of times you run your dishwasher.
14. Don't use running water to thaw food.
15. When doing laundry, match the water level to the size of the load.
16. Soak your pots and pans instead of letting the water run while you scrape them clean.
17. Remember to weed your lawn and garden regularly. Weeds compete with other plants for nutrients, light, and water.

18. Don't buy recreational water toys that require a constant flow of water.
19. Set a kitchen timer when watering your lawn or garden with a hose.
20. Cut back on rinsing if your dishwasher is new. Newer models clean more thoroughly than older ones.
21. When the kids want to cool off, use the sprinkler in an area where your lawn needs it the most.
22. Drop that tissue in the trash instead of flushing it and save gallons every time.
23. Start a compost pile. Using compost when you plant adds water-holding organic matter to the soil.
24. Listen for dripping faucets and toilets that flush themselves. Fixing a leak can save 500 gallons each month.
25. More plants die from over-watering than from under-watering. Be sure only to water plants when necessary.
26. Turn the water off while you shampoo and condition your hair and you can save more than 50 gallons a week.
27. Bathe your pets outdoors in an area in need of water.
28. Choose new water-saving appliances, like washing machines that save up to 20 gallons per load.
29. Select the proper size pans for cooking. Large pans require more cooking water than may be necessary.
30. When you give your pet fresh water, don't throw the old water down the drain. Use it to water your trees or shrubs.
31. If you accidentally drop ice cubes when filling your glass from the freezer, don't throw them in the sink. Drop them in a house plant instead.
32. To save water and time, consider washing your face or brushing your teeth while in the shower.
33. While staying in a hotel or even at home, consider reusing your towels.
34. When you have ice left in your cup from a take-out restaurant, don't throw it in the trash, dump it on a plant.
35. Keep a bucket in the shower to catch water as it warms up or runs. Use this water to flush toilets or water plants.

